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Lieutenant General Vernon A. Walters, USA
Deputy Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear General Walters

I recommend that you receive a briefing on the results of the Joint Strategic Bomber Study. This study was conducted over a one-year period by the Office of the Director of Defense Research and Engineering (ODDR&E). Maj Gen Lukeman, Assistant Chief of Staff, Studies and Analysis (AF/SA), thinks it was probably the most in-depth look at bomber force operations in more than a decade. The study gains stature because it is a product agreed upon by the OSD offices principally concerned. It is now being used actively by OSD as a basis for answering Congressional inquiries on bomber alternatives.

The threat portion of this study was provided by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Intelligence (OASD/I) in conjunction with Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA). Significantly, several applications of the threat data by the study group were more severe than currently accepted Defense Intelligence Projections for Planning (DIPP) and have received some criticism in recent weeks.

The 50-minute briefing has been presented to the Secretary of Defense and the data made available to the General Accounting Office (GAO) for intensive review. It is normally given by Brig Gen Toomay, USAF, of ODDR&E, who was the Study Group Director. If you find my suggestion acceptable, I will make the necessary arrangements to have this briefing presented for you and your key personnel. My point of contact, for this purpose, is Major Tom Hansen, Force Structure Assessments Division, (AF/INAP), OX-45955.

Warmest regards

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